

Bengali Academia for Social Empowerment (BASE), Kolkata, West Bengal
&
Department of English, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar College, Betai, Nadia, West Bengal

Organise

A Two-Day International Conference (In Hybrid Mode)

On

Muslim Life and Culture in Colonial Bengal

25th & 26th November 2023 (Saturday & Sunday)

Offline Venue: **Rabindra Tirtha, Near Biswa Bangla Gate, New Town, Kolkata**

Programme Schedule of 25th November, 2023 (Saturday) – Online

(For Sessions Link will be shared with the Registered Participants)

2.00 - 2.15 PM; Opening Session: Dr. Md. Monirul Islam (Presidency University, Kolkata)

2.15 - 3.15 PM; Session I; Chair: Dr. Md Mursed Alam (Gour Mahavidyalaya)

Dr. Md. Abdul Wahab (Associate Professor, Samsi College): A Study of the Shershabadia Identity Formation during the Colonial Period (In the Light of the Contemporary Census Reports, Statistical Accounts and Settlement Reports)

Dr. Md. Abdus Selim (Assistant Professor, Syamaprasad College): Revisiting Colonial Bengal: A Study of the Writings of Bengali Muslim Women Writers with Special Reference to Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain

Rabiul Islam Shaikh (Assistant Processor, Rishi Bankim Chandra College): ঔপনিবেশিক পর্বে পশ্চিমবঙ্গের নদিয়া জেলার অর্থনৈতিক অবস্থা - একটি পর্যবেক্ষণ

3.15 – 4.00 PM; Session II (Invited Lecture I); Chair: Dr. Rafat Ali (Jadavpur University)

Speaker: Dr. Sheikh Mehedi Hasan (Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Bangladesh): Bengali, Bengali Muslim and Muslim Bengali: Reflections on Stereotypes

4.00 – 5.15 PM; Session III; Chair: Sk Sagir Ali (Midnapore College)

Zahid Iqbal Sheikh (Research Scholar, Maulana Azad National Urdu University): Muslim Political Organisations in Colonial Bengal: A Historical Perspective

Hrituparna Saha (Research Scholar, Jadavpur University): Voices in Transition: Tracing the Evolution of Bengali Muslim Women's Identity through Literature and Print in Colonial Bengal

Azra Saman (Research Scholar, Jamia Millia Islamia): Identity Formation of Muslims and the Role of Census and other Scholarships in Colonial Bengal

Md Mohasin Alam (Student, Darul Huda Islamic University): Muslim Education and Communal Conflict in Colonial Bengal: British Policies and Muslim Responses from 1854 to 1947

5.15 – 6.15 PM; Session IV; Chair: Jahira Hossain (Surendranath College, Kolkata)

Hilal Ahmad Tantray (Research Scholar, Jamia Millia Islamia): Empowered Voices: The Freedom Struggle of Muslim Women's in Colonial Bengal

J Shamem Banu (Research Scholar, Alagappa University): Reshaping the Muslim Identity in the Colonial Era in Bapsi Sidhwa's *The Pakistani Bride*

Faiza Rizwan & Ankush Pal (Student, Jamia Millia Islamia): Legacy of Bengali Muslim Educational Reform

6.15 – 7.00 PM; Session V (Invited Lecture II); Chair: Prof. Saifulla (Aliah University)

Speaker: Dr. Samim Ahmed (Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math): Philosophy of Ramakrishna and Maulana Azad in Colonial Bengal

7.00 – 7.45 PM; Session VI (Invited Lecture III); Chair: Dr. Md Mursed Alam (Gour Mahavidyalaya)

Speaker: Dr. Mosarrap Hossain Khan (O. P. Jindal Global University): Western Education and the Formation of the Muslim Community in Colonial Bengal

7.45 – 8.00 PM; Closing Session of Day One

Programme Schedule of 26th November, 2023 (Sunday) at Rabindra Tirtha, Kolkata

10.00 – 10.30 AM; Tea & Beginning

10.30 – 11.45 AM; Session VII; Chair: Bapin Mallick (Dr. B. R. Ambedkar College)

Araj Sekh (Research Scholar, Darul Huda Islamic University): Contributions of Begum Rokeya and Khujistra Akhtara Banu on Societal Empowerment and Educational Development Especially for Muslim Women in Colonial Bengal

Alamin Sk (Student, Darul Huda Islamic University): Journals, Magazines, Pamphlets and Bengali Muslims in Colonial Era

Abul Kalam Sharafat (Student, Darul Huda Islamic University): Educational Development of Muslims in Colonial Bengal

Md Sahajahan (Student, Darul Huda Islamic University): Transmutation of Bengali Muslim Women from Shackles of Patriarchy to Education Freedom in Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain's *Padmarag*: Empowering the Pedagogy

Md Ahesan Ali (Student, Darul Huda Islamic University): Contributions of the Suhrawardy Family to Development Islamic Studies in Bengal Region

11.45 – 12.45 PM; Session VIII; Chair: Dr. Md. Intaj Ali (Netaji Subhas Open University)

Sampriti Mistry (Student, University of Calcutta): Bengali Muslim Identity through English Language: A Journey of Discovery

Sahadat Alam (Student, Darul Huda Islamic University): The Significance of Bengali Muslim Writers in Challenging and Negotiation the British Colonial Discourse in India

Shaikh Abid Hasan (Independent Researcher): From Titumir to Fazlul Huq: Finding the Revolutionary Aspects of Bengali Muslim Life

Ayesha Khatun (Author, Independent Researcher): গুরুত্বপূর্ণ বাঙালির অবদান মুসলিম ব্যক্তিত

12.45 – 1.30 PM; Session IX (Invited Lecture IV); Chair: Prof. Saifulla (Aliah University)

Speaker: Dr. Mrinmoy Pramanick (University of Calcutta): মুসলীম সাহিত্য সমাজ ও বাঙালির মননচর্চা

1.30 – 2.00 PM; Working Lunch

2.00 – 2.45 PM; Session X (Invited Lecture V); Chair: Dr. Rafat Ali (Jadavpur University)

Speaker: Dr. Epsita Halder (Jadavpur University): Prophet Muhammad as Mahamanab: Literary Modernity and the Polemic of Jatiya in Colonial Bengal

2.45 – 3.30 PM; Session XI (Invited Lecture VI); Chair: Prof. Amzed Hossein (Brainware University)

Speaker: Prof. Amit Dey (University of Calcutta): Understanding the Bengal Muslims in the Colonial Milieu

3.30 – 4.15 PM; Session XII; Chair: Dr. Sohel Aziz (Aliah University)

Nurmahammad Sekh (Assistant Professor, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math): Sufi Saints and Indian Freedom Struggle in 20th Century

Arif Ansari (Research Scholar, Sidho Kanho Birsha University): Catalysts of Progress: A Powerful Vision of Women's Empowerment in Begum Rokeya's *Sultana's Dream*

Rubina Khatun (Research Scholar, Jadavpur University): Questioning 'Affirmative' Action: 'Benevolent' Intervention in the Lives of Contemporary Bengali Muslim Women

4.15 – 5.00 PM; Session XIII; Chair: Anwar Hossain (Nagar College)

Kazi Mohammed Sherif (Independent Researcher): Struggle of Muslims of Bengal during Colonial Rule for Educational Development

Rumana Parvin (Student, Aliah University): Bridging Bengali Culture and Islamic Ideology in Colonial Bengal: A Discussion on Samim Ahmed's *Seven Heavens*

Ananya Ray (Student, University of Calcutta): Bengal's Muslim Women and their Journey towards 'Right to Education'

5.00 – 5.45 PM; Session XIV; Chair: Dr. Md. Monirul Islam (Presidency University, Kolkata)

Dr. Aliya Halim (Assistant Professor, The Neotia University): The Pioneering Role of Maulvi Abdul Karim of Sylhet (1863-1943) in the Progress and Regeneration of the Muslim Community in Colonial Bengal

Unnati Agarwal (Student, University of Calcutta): Law in the Protection of Education and Social Rights of Muslim Women in Colonial Bengal

Dr. Debobani Biswas (Assistant Professor, The Neotia University): Cross-Cultural, Dialogic-Inclusive Vision of Hindu Muslim Unity in the Literary Works of Rabindranath Tagore and Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain

5.45 – 6.00 PM; Closing & Tea